

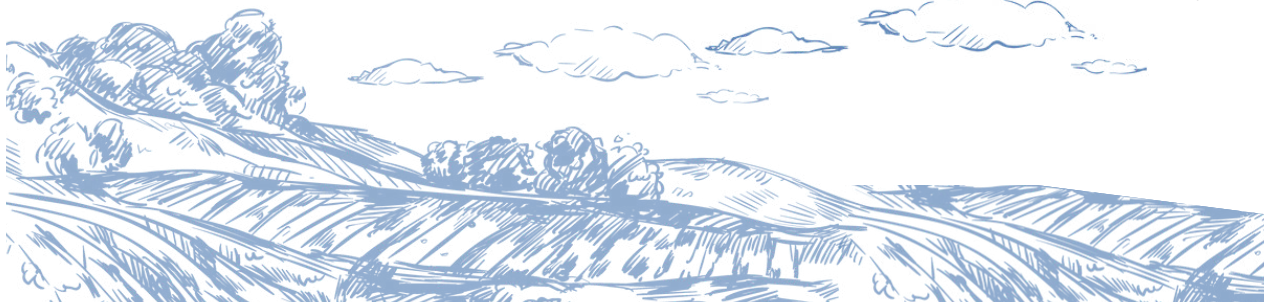
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### 2020 CHARDONNAY CUVÉE D'INSPIRATION

STA. RITA HILLS AVA  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



## WINEMAKER NOTES

With only three barrels produced, the 2020 Chardonnay - Cuvée d'Inspiration showcases all that we love about the Sta. Rita Hills. This wine is acid- and mineral-driven, broad on the palate with beautiful texture from extended sur lie elevage. Tart pineapple, Meyer lemon, lime zest and crushed oyster shell jump from the glass and are mirrored on the palate. This wine crafted from 100% organic vineyards provides old-world elegance perfectly in balance with new-world fruit on the nose and palate.

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	62
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clonal selection:	76
Soil at site:	Loam/DE/Limestone
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak   16 months
Alcohol:	13.3%
Brix:	22.2
pH at harvest:	3.17
Finished pH:	3.24
Finished TA:	7.1g/L
Harvest date:	9/2/2020
Bottling date:	March 2022
Release date:	Summer 2022

## 2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

## STA. RITA HILLS

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Grenache, and Syrah, but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

## ACCOLADES

93 - *Vinous* The 2020 Chardonnay Cuvée d'Inspiration is decidedly gracious and airy in feel. Citrus, white flowers, mint and white pepper lend brightness and life. This aromatic, beguiling Chardonnay from vineyards on the western side of the Sta. Rita Hills is beguiling and full of character. -Antonio Galloni